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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 1220

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, ETRD, ID, UNCTAD

SUBJECT: VISIT TO INDONESIA OF UNCTAD SYG

REF: JAKARTA 0346

1. SUMMARY: UNCTAD SYG COREA HAS TOLD GOI OFFICIALS HE BELIEVES LOW-LEVEL BILATERAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN SELECTED G-77 AND GROUP B MEMBERS TO BE A GOOD MEANS OF REVIVING THE COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS AND HAS PROMISED TO PUSH THE IDEA. END SUMMARY.

2. UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL GAMANI COREA VISITED JAKARTA JANUARY 17, 18, 19 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND TOP ECONOMIC MINISTERS, INCLUDING WIDJOJO, RADIUS PRAWIRO, SADLI AND WARDHANA. PRAWIRO SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT COREA FAVORS IDEA WIDJOJO HAD EARLIER BROACHED TO AMBASSADOR AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
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OAKLEY (REFTEL), I.E., THAT LOWER LEVEL EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE THE BEST MEANS OF GETTING THE FORMAL COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS BACK ON TRACK. COREA AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE G-77 TALKED WITH THE VARIOUS DEVELOPED NATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO CLOSE THE GAP. PRAWIRO SAID INDONESIA HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH SEVERAL EUROPEAN NATIONS,

ESPECIALLY THE NETHERLANDS, AND MIGHT WELL APPROACH THEM. THE PHILIPPINES MIGHT TALK WITH THE U.S., AND MALAYSIA WITH THE BRITISH, UNLESS THE CURRENT DISPUTE ABOUT OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FOR THE CONCORDE COMPLICATED MATTERS, IN WHICH CASE NIGERIA MIGHT TAKE ON THE TASK. PRAWIRO EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT THESE BILATERAL EXPLORATIONS MIGHT SUCCEED IN PAVING THE WAY FOR THE RESUMPTION OF MORE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.

3. A WORKING LEVEL DFA SOURCE SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT COREA HAD PROMISED THE INDONESIANS HE WOULD PUSH THE IDEA OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. COREA IS SAID TO FEEL THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH AN EXCHANGE SHOULD PARALLEL BUT NOT NECESSARILY BE IDENTICAL TO THE CIEC'S G-8 AND G-19. THE SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TALKS WOULD BE AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THERE WAS SOME INDICATION THAT THE RESUMPTION OF THE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE AS EARLY AS THIS SPRING, WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS COULD BE NO LATER THAN MARCH. ASKED IF UNCTAD OR THE G-77 EXPECTED THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO TAKE ANY ACTION, THE SOURCE SAID NO, THAT COREA WOULD SUPPLY THE INITIATIVE FROM GENEVA.

4. COREA ALSO DISCUSSED WITH GOI OFFICIALS THE PROBLEMS OF LDC DEBT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY BUT  
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APPARENTLY CONSIDERABLY LESS TIME WAS DEVOTED TO THESE SUBJECTS THAN TO THE COMMON FUND.  
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